

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-14, 16, 17, and 19-22 are currently pending in this application after entry of this amendment. By this Amendment, claims 24-29 were cancelled; and claims 1 and 11 have been amended. The amended claims set is provided herewith.

§ 112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-9, 11-14, 16-17, and 19-22 have been rejected to as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which application regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Specifically, the Office Action notes that all of the claims confuse the directions of forward and backward with regard to the leading and trailing edges. Although Applicant does not necessarily agree that the rejected claims were confusing, Applicant has removed the references to forward and backward from claims 1 and 11. Specifically, in claim 1 Applicant has amended the claim to refer to directions toward the trailing end and toward the leading end. Similarly, claim 11 has been amended and now reads toward the leading end. Applicant respectfully asserts that these amendments have removed any confusion that may have been present in the rejected claims. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims as all rejections have been overcome. Early notice of allowability is kindly requested.

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